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SUBJ: SURPLUS PROPERTY

1. AS NOTED IN NEW DELHI'S 17204 ECONOMIC COUNSELOR AND TREASURY ATTACHE MET WITH MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BAIJAL) DECEMBER 30 REGARDING SURPLUS PROPERTY SETTLEMENT. HE REAFFIRMED HIS WILLINGNESS REACH SETTLEMENT AT RS. 14 MILLION THROUGH AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS. AT HIS REQUEST WE HAVE DRAFTED THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE OF LETTERS:

(A) GOI LETTER TO U.S.:

I REFER TO THE LEND LEASE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS SIGNED AT WASHINGTON ON MAY 16, 1946, AS AMENDED, AND TO SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS THEREON, AND PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDINGS:

- (1. THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PROPOSES TO CREDIT WITHIN 30 DAYS THE AMOUNT OF RS. 14 MILLION TO THE RUPEE ACCOUNT (20 FT 180) OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AT THE RESERVE BANK OF INDIA; AND
2. SUCH CREDIT SHALL CONSTITUTE FULFILLMENT OF ALL OBLIGATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDER THE SAID LEND LEASE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

I PROPOSE THAT, IF THESE UNDERSTANDINGS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO YOUR GOVERNMENT, THIS LETTER AND YOUR REPLY CONCURRING THEREIN SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF YOUR REPLY.

(B) U. S. LETTER TO GOI:

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I REFER TO YOUR LETTER OF 1974 READING AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE FIRST LETTER

I CONFIRM THAT THE UNDERSTANDINGS SET FORTH IN THE ABOVE QUOTED LETTER ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES. I AGREE THAT YOUR LETTER TOGETHER WITH THIS REPLY CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, EFFECTIVE TODAY.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) COMMENTS, IF ANY, ON THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF LETTERS (B) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT GOI OFFER OF RS. 14 MILLION. OUR NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 2 AND WE HOPE TO REACH FINAL AGREEMENT THEN.

COMMENT: WE NOTE THAT OUR CLAIM CAME TO RSM14,386,765. GOI OFFER, THEREFORE, VIRTUALLY MEETS OUR REQUEST WITH MINOR VISUAL ADJUSTMENT TO TAKE CARE OF GOI PRESENTATIONAL PROBLEM CAUSED BY ABSENCE OF RECORDS. THIS OFFER REPRESENTS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO SETTLE AN ANCIENT MATTER AND WE RECOMMEND WE MOVE QUICKLY TO ACCEPT IT.  
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